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EDITORIAL

This may be the last issue of the LUFORO Bulletin. But—do not despair—flying saucers have not disappeared—nor have our members all left. On the 25th of January the London UFO Research Organisation will be invited to take a fresh step into the unknown and to become the British UFO Research Association. If they accept, the Bulletin will turn into the BUFORA journal and bulletin and we shall become a 'national' association seeking to serve the whole country. The journal will be issued quarterly but will contain more material than the bulletin. The editorial policy will be more or less the same because you will be enduring the same editor. Did I hear anyone ask, what is the editorial policy? Very well, this seems an appropriate time to answer this question.

Before one has a policy one has opinions or beliefs from which the policy arises. My opinion on the subject of flying saucers is that when one has exhausted all the varieties of possible explanations for sightings there remain a number which cannot be other than attributable to the operations of extra-terrestrial machines. This belief would be sufficient reason alone for considering their study important. But I think there is a more cogent reason. I do not regard the events of the last decade as in any way new in the history of the earth but merely as an increase in a surveillance that may have been carried on since before there was a species homo sapiens. The increase has been provoked by our actions, by our atomic bomb explosions, by our rockets and by our space probes to Mars and Venus. When mankind is able to leave the bounds of earth it represents a potential threat to those who exist outside. What more natural, then, than that their surveillance should be stepped up?

This increased activity on both sides brings with it the gravest problem that has ever confronted humanity, that of our continued existence as a species. If you mentioned this to the man-in-the-

street he would think you were referring to the danger of nuclear warfare. But I believe there is a far greater danger involved in our lack of knowledge of these machines and the creatures who operate them. The creatures of earth, with their long history of war and mutual self-destruction are moving out into a realm where their power will be infinitesimal compared with that of the inhabitants, and on the few who enter this realm the fate of the whole species may depend. It is of the nature of man to go exploring, but it is better that he should do it with knowledge than with ignorance. 'Fools rush in.....'

These then are my beliefs—and the policy naturally follows. It is to stimulate thought on this subject by all means possible, to search for pattern in the bewildering phenomena reported and to attempt to dispel the dangerous ignorance of men who enter the realm of creatures more powerful than themselves.

This is the reason why original—even controversial articles are welcomed, why a section 'The Year's Reports' was initiated in an endeavour to seek out the pattern of operations pursued and why your continued support by sending in reports and attending meetings is essential. We are slowly but surely moving out of the situation where a belief in flying saucers was ridiculed and this coincides with an increase of activity that reminds one of 1954. We are better equipped than we were then, but we cannot do without prompt news of a sighting. So please—send that cutting or write that letter straight away—we need it!

SIGHTINGS AT SALTWOOD, NEAR HYTHE, KENT

by Charles A. Stickland

This should only be regarded as an interim report as there are a number of points still obscure which will have to be elucidated by correspondence with the people concerned. One of the things impressed on me during this investigation is the fact that a written report can sometimes present a very ambiguous picture which can only be resolved by a discussion with the author.

The incidents all took place in the neighbourhood of the Sandling road which goes north from Saltwood village past Sandling station, eventually joining the A20.

The first occurrence took place about 11.30pm in August 1962. Bruce Leggatt, now an 18-year-old student, had just ridden on his scooter past Sandling station when the air turned cold. Previously the night was very warm. He became afraid, accelerated and looked over his shoulder. He caught a glimpse of a yellow, oval object, seemingly opaque, appearing rough in outline and extending from one side of the road to the other (about 20 feet). He did not look round again because he was very frightened. He had the feeling something was following him—a feeling that persisted until he had gone some distance along the A20. He states that where he saw the shape on Sandling road it would have been impossible for it to have been caused by the lights of a car going through a patch of fog.

The first of the recent series of incidents occurred about 9pm on the 16th of November, 1963. Four teenagers, three boys and a girl, were walking to Sandling station in order to see the girl on her train. One of the boys, Tony Harrison, a 17-year-old art student,

gave me the bulk of information relating to this incident. While they were passing Brockhill school they saw what appeared to be a shooting star fall towards the Sandling station area. A little later they had just passed Slaybrook Corner (a right-angle bend) when a glowing object was seen above a hill on the left. No light was projected from it and it did not move. It was slightly oval (but more round than oval). The light was lost sight of behind trees as they walked down a dip in the road.

While descending this incline a figure was seen about 20-30 yards away on the road ahead on the right-hand side. It looked like a man with a scarlet cloak and had a lantern on the left. This lantern looked like a hurricane lamp and gave out a whitish light, flickering irregularly. Apparently it was not being swung backwards and forwards, but maintained the same position relative to the body. It was not possible to see the upper part of the body because the light was not strong enough (this probably explains the headless figure descriptions occurring in various reports). The figure walked slowly.

When they reached the road leading to the station (a turning on the right), the figure, which had reached the centre of a bridge over the railway, disappeared. It is reported that in view of its position it could not have turned down a side road. (I suggested to Tony Harrison that it might have disappeared because the light it was carrying went out, but he does not think this likely).

The boys saw nothing on the way back from the station.

The next incident occurred at 9.15pm on the 21st of November. Two boys and two girls were coming back from Slaybrook corner when one of them looked round and saw a golden mist coming towards them. They ran some distance and two of them looked round again, seeing a golden light lighting up the football pitch and covering an area about 20 feet by 20 feet. They all ran towards Saltwood village.

The next day about 8pm two boys and three girls (probably in a car) were on the way to Sandling station when one girl saw a star drop out of the sky to the Slaybrook area. Returning from the station they saw a light come over the trees a mile away and settle in a field about 100 yards from the road. The same girl who had seen the (shooting?) star walked towards the light, saw a dark figure, stopped, for some reason turned round and ran and blacked out while running. This information is second-hand, as I did not interview any of the people directly concerned.

The same evening about 11pm five boys and two girls went along the Sandling road in a car to just beyond the station. The car was parked beside a quarry and the lights turned out. One of the girls pointed out a figure on the left in front of the car. Two boys and a girl got out and went down into the quarry, but saw no one. They came back and the group drove off.

About a week later at approximately 8.15pm three boys were walking up the road towards Brockhill school. One of them, John McGoldrick, saw a dark figure standing between trees in a field on the left of the road. It looked like a human being, about 6 feet tall. John drew his companions' attention to it and it disappeared while they were looking at it. They walked past the school drive and, according to one of them, saw the figure again in the middle of the hockey field. They passed Slaybrook corner and entered a field on the left of the road, about half-way between the corner and the station. They climbed the rise in the field and half-way up one of them noticed a horrible smell like a dead corpse (when

rise one grabbed another's arm, pointing to a figure standing between two small bushes, and they both ran back to the road. Realising they had left their companion behind they ran back again to the spot where they had observed the figure. The one who had experienced the smell noticed it had gone. They found their friend on top of the rise, saw the figure once more, the mist came down around them and they ran back to Saltwood village.

This does not complete the list of incidents—I shall take up the story at a later date. However, I believe you will probably agree that this is one of the most bizarre series of occurrences we have yet encountered. Until I have had an opportunity to make further enquiries I feel it would be premature to draw definite conclusions. It does, nevertheless, appear that the yellow objects seen were flying saucers. The nature of the figures is more obscure and you are advised to treat some of the more sensational reports with reserve. One aspect that I am investigating is the exact meaning attached to the word 'disappear'. For instance, in one example the observer meant that he lost sight of the object because his own movement led to a second object blocking the view of the first. I would not have suspected, before our discussion, that this was what he meant by 'the object disappeared'.

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NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

The most interesting news we have received recently from Mr Livingstone, our Australian representative, is of a series of sightings in the Mt. Gambier district in May of last year.

On the 15th nine people in a car were followed by an object for about 22 miles while travelling towards Glenburnie, near Mount Gambier. The object is described as fuchsia-red, oval-shaped, about 12 feet in diameter, and as having a short spike at the top and a longer spike at the bottom.

On the 18th a business man was travelling at 45mph in his car when he began to get interference on his car radio. This (a buzzing sound) became louder until he couldn't receive anything, not even the local station. Then he saw a light coming from behind the car. The object came over the car and landed $\frac{1}{4}$ mile in front. It was about 30 feet wide, but so bright its height could not be estimated. It took off again when he dipped his headlights. The radio returned to normal after the object had disappeared.

On the 19th a young mechanic was driving from Glencoe to Mount Gambier when he saw an object at one side of the road in front. He thought it was a bull-dozer, but then it lit up. It then moved across the road and shot up as he drove underneath. It followed him for about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles and then disappeared as though the light had been switched out.

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THE YEAR'S REPORTS (continued)

It was our hope at the beginning of last year to compile as complete a list of reports as possible. In recent months, however, we have been swamped and, for reasons of space, some have had to be omitted from the following list. I am wondering whether in future it would

not be better to issue a supplementary list occasionally to those who are prepared to pay the cost of producing it, not as a general procedure, but when exceptional circumstances occur. I would appreciate your views on this.

1963

1. 19/2 Moe, Gippsland, Victoria, Australia
25-foot saucer, rotating 100 ft. up.
Credit—FSR (Sept-Oct '63)
2. 8/3 about 8.30pm Wallsend, Northumberland
2 discs joined by a tube, grey-blue in colour.
Evening Chronicle 21/3/63
3. 18/3 afternoon Blaydon, Durham
round object emitting vivid light.
Evening Chronicle 29/3/63
4. 26/3 Ballarat, Australia
moon-sized object moving across city.
Credit—FSR (Sept-Oct '63)
5. 1/4 11.20pm North Shields, Northumberland
straw-coloured object, size and brilliance of Mars, moving slowly.
Credit—Orbit (Feb-Mar-April '63)
6. 4/4 9pm Santa Barbara, California, USA
7 - 8 lights in V-formation.
Credit—NR 1,11 (Aug '63)
7. 5/4 7.30pm east of Barstow, California, USA
luminescent glows in the sky.
Credit—NR 1,11 (Aug '63)
8. 5/4 night Arizona desert, USA
whitish shape, similar to a dirigible.
Credit—NR 1,11 (Aug '63)
9. 5 and 6/4 area from San Diego to San Francisco, California, USA
glowing fireballs.
Advance, Hollister, California 13/4/63
10. 7/4 2am Hollister, California, USA
bright red balls trailing white smoke.
Advance, Hollister, California 13/4/63
11. 7/4 8.40pm Korsør, Denmark
oblong, reddish object with yellow-white corona, having 4-5
lights—probably windows, travelling from WSW to ESE.
Credit—Ufo-Nyt (Sept '63)
12. 8/4 between Rothbury and Whittingham, Northumberland
black tyre-shaped object, emitting orange flash, leaving trail.
The Journal, Newcastle upon Tyne, 9/4/63

13. 13/4 mid-morning Woodsdale, Tasmania, USA
revolving object flashing brilliant red and green lights.
Launceston Examiner 19/4/63
14. 19/4 7pm Woodsdale, Tasmania
as for No. 13, visible until 10.30pm.
Launceston Examiner 20/4/63
15. 19/4 10.45pm about 5 miles SW of Missoula, Montana, USA
moving yellow and orange light.
Missoulain Sentinel, Missoula, Montana 20/4/63
16. 22/4 11.30am near Rotorua, New Zealand
round black sphere making a swishing sound.
Daily Post, Rotorua, New Zealand 23/4/63
17. 23/4 7.45-8.30pm western states, USA
bright flashes in the sky.
Chronicle, San Francisco, California 24/4/63
18. 23/4 10.45-10.50pm California, Utah and Nevada, USA
large glowing object variously described as greenish, greenish-white or blue-white (6,000°K or above) seen over a large area—possibly a meteorite.
NR 1,11 (August '63); Examiner, San Francisco, California; Tribune, Oakland, California; News-Sentinel, Lodi, California; Union, Sacramento, California; all of 24/4/63
19. 24/4 7.29-7.44pm Orange County, California, USA
three aerial explosions.
News Tribune, Fullerton, California 25/4/63
20. 25/4 about 4pm between Salinas and Gilroy, California, USA
large black ring moving slowly over the neighbouring ocean.
Credit—NR 1,11 (Aug '63)
21. 26/4 night Wilshire district (presumably Hollywood) California, USA
aerial explosion, shaking of floors and walls and a noise lasting 3-5 minutes.
Citizen News, Hollywood, California 27/4/63
22. 27/4 7.30pm Elsinore, Denmark
elliptical dark-grey object moving W.
Credit—Ufo-Nyt (Aug '63)
23. 4/5 morning Ballarat, Australia
hovering silver sphere 8 miles from city.
Credit—FSR (Sept-Oct '63)
24. 4/5 about 4.30pm Herning, Denmark
round object about 4 ins diameter, like a soap bubble, following straight course about 10 feet above ground at about 5mph.
Credit—Ufo-Nyt (Oct '63)
25. 5/5 late afternoon Mt Zion (Wisconsin?), USA
object flashing red and white.
The Dial, Boscobel, Wisconsin 9/5/63

26. 6/5 evening Santa Barbara, California, USA
white-yellow round object, size of dime at arm's length.
Credit—NR 1,11 (Aug '63)
27. 7/5 noon Picayune and New Orleans, USA
flimsy, gossamer-like material falling from sky.
States Item, New Orleans, La. 7/5/63; Times Picayune, New Orleans, La. 8/5/63
28. 10/5 Belfast, Maine, USA
object from sky hit building and exploded, setting light to the building (meteorite?—Ed.).
Waterville Morning Sentinel 11/5/63
29. 16/5 00.33am Randers, Denmark
two elliptical objects with strong pulsating lights, zig-zagging and climbing.
Credit—Ufo-Nyt (Aug '63)
30. 21/5 about 9.15pm Cross Lane, Bebington, Cheshire
brilliant gold hemisphere, hovering and climbing.
The Liverpool Echo and Evening Express 22/5/63
31. 26/5 6.50pm Macclesfield, Australia
bright object about twice size of moon hovering and moving.
Adelaide Advertiser 27/5/63
32. 27/5 11.55pm Nyborg, Denmark
big, round, soundless, orange object with constant light.
Credit—Ufo-Nyt (Oct '63)
33. 29/5 just before 7pm Mount Stromlo Observatory, Canberra, Australia
object brighter than normal satellite, glowing orange and red and leaving no trail, seen by Prof. Bart Bok and Dr H. Gollnow.
Credit—Mr Livingstone; The News 30/5/63
34. 1/6 10.25pm Bording, Denmark
circular object that whistled, 15 feet diameter, with flat bottom and hemispherical dome.
Credit—Ufo-Nyt (Aug '63)
35. 2/6 after 00.00am Hong Kong, China
green, red and yellow object appearing to break in two.
South China Sunday Post 2/6/63
36. 3/6 00.01am Vejers, Denmark
star-like object manoeuvring.
Credit—Ufo-Nyt (Aug '63)
37. 4/6 00.35am Odense, Denmark
round, orange, soundless object, course SW-N.
Credit—Ufo-Nyt (Oct '63)
38. 6/6 11.40pm Whyteleafe
object like a huge lantern hanging in the sky.
Coulson and Purley Times 14/6/63

39. 8/6 11.30pm Brugge, Belgium
tiny object with changing colours manoeuvring a lot near horizon, occasionally motionless (stationary object with apparent movement due to air currents?—Ed.).
Credit—Ufo-Nyt (Sept '63)
40. 9/6 11.10pm Chelmsford, Essex
manoeuvring, luminous, white object emitting others of like nature.
Credit—FSR (Sept-Oct '63)
41. 10/6 10.10pm Chelmsford Essex
luminous object following curved course.
Credit—FSR (Sept-Oct '63)
42. 14/6 10.41pm Copenhagen, Denmark
elliptical, very bright object with red edge; small red flame nearby.
Credit—Ufo-Nyt (Oct '63)
43. 15/6 00.09am Skive, Denmark
elliptical object of changing colours emitting strong, constant light, with long tail.
Credit—Ufo-Nyt (Oct '63)
44. 9-15/6 Central Plateau, Taupo, New Zealand
2 reports of fast-moving cigar-shaped objects in this period.
Hawke's Bay Herald Tribune 19/6/63
45. 19/6 Newton Heath, Manchester
spinning, soundless oval-shaped object with white light.
Manchester Evening News 19/6/63
46. 21/6 10.00pm Randers, Denmark
star-like object with strong, constant light, manoeuvring.
Credit—Ufo-Nyt (Oct '63)
47. 27/6 Flamborough Head, Yorkshire
shining balloon-shaped object, moving against the wind.
The People 28/6/63
48. 28/6 Royton, Lancashire
bright, oval-shaped object hovering silently 150 ft up.
Oldham Chronicle 29/6/63
49. 4/7 11.15pm Rudkøbing, Denmark
circular orange object with strong, constant light and tail twice as large as object consisting of flames and sparks; sizzling sound heard.
Credit—Ufo-Nyt (Oct '63)
50. ?7/7 Meldon Hill, Dufton Fell, Westmorland
2 craters found at end of month, largest being almost circular, diameter about 200 ft, depth 2-3 ft; freak thunderstorm occurred on the 7th.
Credit—Orbit (May-June-July '63)

51. 10/7 Middle Monynut Farm
2 irregular star-shaped craters found, diameter 16ft, depth 2-3 ft; 'bang' heard between 5am and 6am on 22/6.
Credit—Orbit (May-June-July '63)
52. 11/7 Edinburgh
gyrating object like two saucers, one above the other, with hump on top.
Scottish Daily Mail 27/7/63
53. ?13/7 12.15am Whitley Bay, Northumberland
large white shining orb with smaller object orbiting it.
Credit—Orbit (May-June-July '63)
54. 17/7 9.00pm Clinton, Ohio, USA
object shaped like a water-melon.
Credit—FSIC Bulletin (Sept '63)
55. 17/7 10.10pm DST Mansfield, Ohio, USA
very bright white light moving horizontally.
Mansfield News Journal 26/7/63
56. 17/7 11.15pm S.Akron, Ohio, USA
elongated object changing shape and changing from yellow to white.
Credit—FSIC Bulletin (Sept '63)
57. 20/7 Flamborough Head, Yorkshire
hole approx. 6ft in diameter, 12-18 ins deep with radiating cracks.
Credit—BUFOA Journal (Summer '63)
58. 22/7 10.45pm Hinton-on-the-Green, Worcester
object like inverted dessert dish, with three tiers of lights in yellow, orange and red around the outside.
Gloucestershire Echo 23/7/63
59. 22/7 10.55pm Fårevejle, Denmark
blue elliptical object with pulsating light near Cassiopeia.
Credit—Ufo-Nyt (Oct '63)
60. 24/7 8.45am Roundhay Park woods, Leeds, Yorkshire
silver-grey circular object with 'cockpit' on top, hovering and buzzing.
Credit—Orbit (May-June-July '63)
61. 25/7 12.50am near Anchorholme, Blackpool, Lancashire
seven soundless round objects emitting a pale orange light.
West Lancashire Evening Gazette 8/8/63
62. 25/7 9.45am Coatbridge, Lancashire
object hovering and manoeuvring.
Daily Mail (Scottish edition) 1/8/63
63. 25/7 11.15pm Tølløse, Denmark
2 soundless objects, changing colours, light constant and pulsating.
Credit—Ufo-Nyt (Oct '63)

64. 25/7 11.30pm Walsall, Staffordshire
large red light flashing on and off, occasionally stationary.
Wolverhampton Express and Star 26/7, 30/7 and 1/8/63
65. 26/7 9.05pm Løgten, Denmark
Saturn-shaped, grey object hovering, then moving away rapidly.
Credit—Ufo-Nyt (Oct '63)
66. 27/7 night Distington and other places, West Cumberland
tumbler-shaped object glowing brightly.
The Guardian 30/7/63; West Cumberland Times 3/8/63
67. 28/7 8.35pm Providence Lane, Long Ashton, Bristol
green, oval-shaped object.
Bristol Evening Post 29/7/63
68. 28/7 east of Isle of Man
unusual stationary object.
Credit—J. McGill
69. 29/7 9pm Chelmsford, Essex
orange object, shaped like a short stick.
Credit—FSR (Nov-Dec '65)
70. 30/7 east of Isle of Man
similar object to No. 68, three lights appeared to emerge and return.
Credit—J. McGill
71. 30/7 small hours Woolacombe, Devon
bright orange object.
North Devon Journal 1/8/63
72. 30/7 after 00.00am West Huntspill, Somerset
large oval, glittering, quivering light with stream appearing
to come down from it, red and orange in colour.
Burnham-on-Sea Gazette and Highbridge Express 1/8/63
73. 30/7 2am Nottingham
two objects, slightly smaller than full moon, appearing to
disintegrate.
Nottingham Evening Post 31/7/63
74. ?/7 night Malvern, Worcestershire
large bell-shaped object emitting brilliant, pulsating light.
Worcester Evening News 27/7/63
75. end of/7 Tower Farm, Sanquhar, Dumfries
2 craters, one about $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft x 4 ft, the other about $4\frac{1}{2}$ ft square,
with irregular channels radiating from them; possibly caused by
lightning.
Credit—Orbit (May-June-July '63)
76. end of/7 Southerness, Kirkcudbright
craters—no details.
Credit—Orbit (May-June-July '63)

77. 1/8 11.30pm Walsall, Staffordshire
red light flashing on and off, stationary and moving.
Walsall Observer 2/8/63
78. 5/8 early morning near Mt Vernon on Route 15, Illinois, USA
round white object following car and causing radio interference.
Dublin Evening Express 6/8/63; Wayne County Press 8/8/63
79. 6/8 4am Edinburgh
hovering, shiny object like spinning top with flat bottom.
Edinburgh Evening Dispatch 6/8/63
80. 6 and 7/8 Wayne City and Fairfield region, Illinois, USA
spherical object with projections.
Wayne County Press 8/8/63
81. 7/8 10.30pm Ettingshall, Stafford
circular object changing colour from red to pink to white.
Wolverhampton Express and Star 8/8/63
82. 12/8 10.26pm Dudley, Worcestershire
pear-shaped white light, blue at bottom, dropping other white lights.
Wolverhampton Express and Star 13/8/63
83. 13/8 night Lodi and Hackensack, USA
bright red glittering object.
Credit—Saucer News 10,4 (Dec '63)
84. 13/8 11.05pm Copenhagen, Denmark
white, circular, soundless object with long, white tail.
Credit—Ufo-Nyt (Oct '63)
85. 20/8 night Gloucester
cluster of 8-10 lights manoeuvring.
Gloucester Citizen 21/8/63
86. 26/8 7.45am Wandsworth, London
round, flat-topped, silvery object.
Wandsworth Borough News 28/8/63
87. 27/8 8.25pm Silkeborg, Denmark
3 dark objects with 3 bright lights on each.
Credit—Ufo-Nyt (Oct '63)
88. 28/8 10.03am Thisted, Denmark
2 bluish, circular objects, estimated size 1 ft, 20-25 ft up.
Credit—Ufo-Nyt (Oct '63)
89. 9/9 7.57pm Lammefjord, Denmark
circular, orange soundless object with long red tail; object had red triangular dot in front of it; light pulsated.
Credit—Ufo-Nyt (Oct '63)

BUFORA 'Research Meetings' are to be held at the
New Norfolk Hotel, 25
London Street, Paddington on the third Saturday
of March, May and July at 6.15pm.

Please inform Mr E.R.Smith, 319 London Road, Rea-
ding, Berks., if you expect to attend any of the
above meetings since our accomodation is rather
limited at the New Norfolk.